

each school, shall be signed by the principal of the school and no other signature shall be required.

(g) In addition to the election of a chairman in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Statutes, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education may also select one of its members as vice-chairman who shall preside at all meetings of the board in the absence of the chairman, and whenever the board shall have duly authorized the execution of any contract, conveyance, or other instrument, the vice-chairman shall have the same authority as the chairman to execute the same on behalf of the board. In the event of absence or inability of both the chairman and vice-chairman, the board, by resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes of any meeting, may authorize any other member to execute any contract, conveyance or instrument for and on behalf of the board. No person shall serve as chairman for more than four consecutive years.

(h) The superintendent of schools shall be ex-officio secretary of the board as provided by G. S. 115-56. The board may elect an assistant secretary to serve at the pleasure of the board. The assistant secretary may be, but shall not be required to be, a member of the board. Such assistant secretary may perform the duties of the secretary of the board when the secretary is absent from any meeting or for any other reason is unable to perform his duties as secretary. The assistant secretary shall have authority to attest all contracts, conveyances, and other instruments which are required by law to be attested by the secretary. The secretary, or in his absence, the assistant secretary, shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the board and it shall be the duty of such secretary or assistant secretary to furnish each member of the board with a copy of the minutes as soon after any meeting as may be reasonably practicable.

(i) In addition to the election of a superintendent of schools in the manner provided by the general law, the board may employ, upon recommendation of the superintendent, such associate superintendents and assistant superintendents and such other administrative officers as it may deem necessary and proper, and prescribe their duties. They may be elected to serve at the pleasure of the board or for such terms as may be fixed by the board, but the terms of any associate superintendents or assistant superintendents shall not exceed the term for which the superintendents are employed. All principals, supervisory personnel, and teachers shall be employed by the board, upon recommendation of the superintendent. The board may delegate to the superintendent of schools, or to one or more associate superintendents or assistant superintendents or to other administrative officers, authority to employ and prescribe the duties of all other employees or classes of employees, including janitors and maids, and to fix the compensation within such limits as the board may prescribe and to determine the terms or periods for which they shall be employed. The compensation of administrative officers of the board shall be fixed by the board. Out of any local supplement the board may pay to any employee or employees such compensation, in addition to compensation paid such